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II. PETER DE MAULEY, JUNIOR,[a] NEPHEW, AND ONE OF THE HEIRS OF GILBERT DE GAUNT. *Proof of age.*

[Cur. Regis. No. 169, m. 26*d*.][b]

RECITING that, whereas Peter de Mauley junior, nephew and one of the heirs of Gilbert de Gaunt, deceased, who held of the King in chief, said he was of full age, and prayed to have restored to him by the King the lands and tenements which are of his inheritance, and in the custody of the executors of the will of Edmund, late Earl of Cornwall,[c] the King's relative, deceased, by grant from the King, wherefore the King granted a day to the same Peter, who was born at Mulgreve in the county of York, and baptized in the church of the same vill, as it is said, for proving his age before the King on this day, namely, on the quinzaine of St. John the Baptist (8 July, 1300), wherever, &c.; the sheriff was ordered to cause to come so many and such men, both knights and others, freemen of the said county, by whom the said proof can be taken, and the truth of the age of the said Peter better known and inquired into; and to make known to Thomas (de Button),[d] bishop of Exeter, Hugh, abbot of Hales, William Berford, and Walter de Aylesbury, executors of the will of the said earl, concerning the aforesaid tenements, that they should be before the King at the said term, to shew if they should have, or be able to say anything, why the King ought not to restore the said lands and tenements to the aforesaid Peter as being of full age, if he be of full age. And the sheriff made return that he had warned them by William de Edenham and Alexander *del Banke*. And William de Berford and Walter de Aylesbury came at the warning, but Thomas, bishop of Exeter, and Hugh, abbot of Hayles, did not come; therefore let the proof of age be taken in their default. William de Berford and Walter de Aylesbury do not say anything why the proof of age should be delayed. The said Peter de Mauley and the jury (*jur'*) come. Peter says he is of full

[a] Peter de Mauley, son and heir of Peter de Mauley III. and Nicholaa, daughter of Gilbert de Gaunt senior, and one of the heiresses of her brother Gilbert de Gaunt junior (Vol. iii., p. 806), was twenty-one years old on 30 March, 1299-1300, being born early in the morning (*circa horam galliscantus*) of the same day in 1278-9, at Mulgreve, and baptized some eight or nine days later in the chapel of the castle of Mulgreve by the prior of Gisemont, his godfathers being Peter de Rothenefeld and William de Roseles, and his godmother Maude, wife of Robert de Acclom. The day of his birth was remarkable for a great storm of a violence unusual at the time of year. When this proof was taken the heir was already married.

[b] The Roll for Trinity Term, 30 Edw. I. (1300).

[c] Edmund, Earl of Cornwall, died in 1300.

[d] Thomas de Button, 1292-1308.

age, and prays that, as the said executors have been duly warned, and the bishop and abbot do not come, and the said William and Walter come, but say nothing, etc., that his proof of age may be taken in default of the bishop and abbot. And inasmuch as the said executors have been duly warned, and some of them come and say nothing, and others do not come, as appears above, and there is no hindrance to proceeding with safety to take the proof of age, therefore let the said proof be taken.

Richard de Twenge of Mikelby,[a] knight, aged 60, living one league's distance from Mulgreve Castle, where the heir was born, sworn and carefully examined, says that the heir is of full age, namely 21 years, and was so on 10 March last. Asked how he knows this, says that the heir was born about the hour of cock-crowing (*circa horam gallicantus*), and that on the next morning a valet of the heir's father came to his house, and told him of his heir. On the third day after he went to the castle, and there spoke with the heir's father, who then told him of the heir's birth. His wife was present at the purification of the heir's mother. He says, further, that the heir was baptized in the chapel of Mulgreve Castle on the ninth day after his birth, and Peter de Rotheresfeld and William de Roseles were his godfathers, and Maude de Acclom, wife of Robert de Acclom, was his godmother. The then prior of Gromund baptized him. Of the other circumstances he has been informed by the talk of the country.

John Wirfauke of Hilderwelle,[b] aged 40, living two leagues distance from Mulgreve Castle, says the heir was of full age in the middle of March. He agrees with the previous juror as to the baptism, hour of birth, godfathers and godmother, and place of baptism, except that he says the heir was baptized on the eighth day after his birth. The witness has an elder (*antenatum*) son and heir, John, born on the day after the heir's birth, who was 21 years of age in the middle of last March.

William de Warhou of Elredby,[c] aged 60, living two leagues from Mulgreve Castle, says he never in his lifetime, since the heir's birth or before, saw or heard such a tempest at that time of the year as on the night before the heir's birth.

John, son of Walter of Hilderwelle, aged 40, living three leagues from Mulgreve Castle, was at the time of the heir's

[a] Mickleby, in the parish of Lythe.

[b] Hinderwell.

[c] Ellerby, in the parish of Lythe.

birth in the service of Master John de Tocotes, rector of Hilderwelle, who sent by him half a marc to the heir on the morning after his birth, and he then saw him lying in a crib (*cribro*).

Robert, son of Nicholas of Elredby, aged 50, living three leagues from Mulgreve Castle, says that his father, Nicholas, died on the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Mary before the heir's birth (2 Feb., 1278-9), and that since the time of his death 21 years elapsed on the feast of the Purification last past.

Adam, son of Nicholas of Barneby,[a] aged 30, living half a league from Mulgreve Castle, says the heir was born on a Wednesday morning,[b] and that his father, Nicholas, went the same day after nine o'clock (*post nonam*) to the castle to see the heir; and that he himself went with his father, and heard all talking in the castle about the heir's birth.

William, son of Adam of Warthou, living in Barneby, aged 25, says nothing to prove the heir's age, except talk of the country.

William, son of Alice of Mikelby, aged 30, living in Egeton,[c] three leagues from Mulgreve Castle, has married two wives, and 18 years have elapsed since he married his first wife, and that the heir was then three years old.

Alan de Daneby, aged 50, living in Egeton, is King's forester of fee (*de feodo*), and was so at the time of the heir's birth. He came on the morning of his birth to the castle, and was asked to take and send a kid (*caprielum*) for the heir's mother, and he then heard all in the castle talking about the heir's birth.

Liolph, son of Liolph, aged 50, living in Egeton, had a son, Robert, born eight days before the heir, who is now 21 years and upwards.

Robert Patrike, aged 50, living in Egeton, has a daughter, Emma, born the day before the heir.

William, son of Thomas *le Forester*, aged 60, living in Egeton, took land at rent from the heir's father, at Easter after his birth, for a term of 20 years, which expired a year ago last Easter.

On being asked, the heir said he is married by his father, who is still alive. The lands and tenements he is seeking, which were of the seisin of Gilbert de Gaunt, are of his mother's inheritance.

[a] Barnby, in the parish of Lythe.

[b] March 10 was on a Thursday in 1278, and on a Friday in the following year.

[c] Egton.

And because the said Peter has duly proved his age before the King, and it is also clear by the appearance of his body that he is of full age, namely 21 years and upwards, therefore let the said Peter have seisin of the lands and tenements falling to him from his mother's inheritance, and let this record be sent to the Chancellor.[a]

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III. ROBERT DE BERLEY.[b] *Inq. ad q. d.*

[29 EDW. I. No. 75.]

Writ directed to the sheriff, and dated at Donypas, 14 Oct., 29th year (1301).

INQUISITION made at Berlay on the morrow of St. Luke, 29 Edw. (19 Oct., 1301), by John de Lascy, Adam de Mickelfeld, John de Okelesthorpe, John de North Milford, William son of the Master (*filium Magistri*) of Tadcastre, Adam *de Camera*, Thomas *ad aquam*, John Paynel, Richard Clerk of Carleton, John Dote, Adam de Brerdyke, and Thomas Belle of Carleton. It is not to the hurt or damage of the King, or others, if he grant to Robert de Berleye a weir (*gurgitem*) in the water of Huse, of the length of fifty feet across the water of Huse (*longitudinis quinquaginta pedum ex transverso aque de Huse*), in the fee of the same Robert.[c] They say also that ships can well pass between the said weir and the bank of the river, in the said Robert's fee, without any impediment.

*Dorso*:—Let a fine of 40*s.* be made, and the fine was paid at once.

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IV. MASTER WILLIAM DE WALTON *for* THE ABBOT AND CONVENT OF THE BLESSED MARY OF YORK. *Inq. ad q. d.*

[29 EDW. I. No. 105.]

Writ directed to the sheriff, and dated at Wirksope, 4 Dec., 29th year (1301).

JAMES DE MILINGTON, Nicholas Bret, Adam Clerk of Popilton, John Fraunkleyn, William son of Alan of Knapton, Stephen de Hessey, John son of Ralph of Clifton, John de Hunkelby, Nicholas Young (*juvenis*) of Miton, John son of William of the same, Robert Bret of Popilton, and Roger

[a] 20 July, 1302. Westminster. The heir having paid homage for his property, Richard de Havering, the escheator beyond Trent, is ordered to restore it to him (*Close Roll*, 30 Edw. I., m. 10).

[b] Called Berlay in the writ.

[c] At Barlow, formerly Berley, south-east of Selby, near the Ouse.